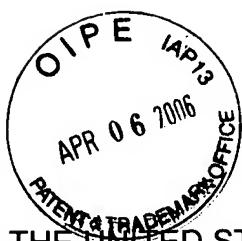


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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 6, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires April 6, 2006, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 13.